

**PASCOAG UTILITY DISTRICT
BOARD OF UTILITY COMMISSIONERS**

Facilities Subcommittee – August 26, 2009

A meeting of the Pascoag Utility District Board of Utility Commissioners Facilities Subcommittee was held on Wednesday, August 26, 2009 in the District office, 253 Pascoag Main Street, Pascoag, RI.

Members Present: Mr. William Mageau and Mr. Adrien Trudeau

Members Absent: Mr. Dennis Whitman

Also in attendance: General Manager Theodore Garille and Assistant General Manager William Guertin

Mr. Mageau called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

1. Discussion of new forestry vehicle

Mr. Garille wanted to give the Board notice about this vehicle because it is not approved until the 2010 budget which starts in January. Mr. Guertin has been doing research on this and has received three quotes on a forestry vehicle. These were not bids, just estimated costs for budgetary purposes. The estimates that were provided

were: \$153,757.00, \$153,139.00 and \$155,074.00. Mr. Garille stated that Pascoag Utility District employees had attended an arborist show in Providence and while they were there they spoke to representatives from Altec. They had seen a truck at the show and asked for more information on it. The Altec representatives said that the truck was originally purchased by another company but the company went bankrupt and Altec was left with the truck after building it. Altec would be willing to sell it to the Pascoag Utility District for \$126,500 in addition to that they would also modify its guard and add cone holders and a \$2,000 pole saw. There is currently \$165,000 that has been budgeted in 2010 for a forestry vehicle. Mr. Garille stated that the problem is that Altec borrowed the money to build the truck so now they have to pay \$1,100 per month for each month that the truck is not sold. Mr. Garille told Altec that Pascoag Utility District could not purchase the truck until January 2010 because of our budget constraints. Altec proposed that they would give PUD the truck in September if PUD promised to pay the balance in January and if PUD agreed to take over their \$1,100 per month payments until then. This would bring the total cost of the truck to \$132,122, which is about \$23,000 than most of the estimates so far. After speaking with Bill later in the week, Altec said they would be willing to split the payments which brought the cost of the truck down to roughly \$130,000.

Mr. Garille stated that PUD has an item that is approved in the 5 year capital budget although PUD has to appear before the RIPUC to get approval. Customers approve the budget except for items that are

subject to regulatory control such as the RIPUC. PUD submits their budget on an ongoing five year basis so Mr. Garille feels that the PUC will not have any problems approving the 2010 budget.

Mr. Trudeau made a motion to recommend the purchase of the forestry vehicle to the full Board, Mr. Mageau seconded it. The vote in favor was unanimous.

2. Adjournment

Mr. Mageau made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Trudeau. The vote in favor was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

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Board of Utility Commissioners

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